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SUBJECT: NEW METHODOLOGY FOR THE DETERMINATION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCT PRICES - ITALY

- 1. INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING (CIPE) APPROVED NEW METHODOLOGY FOR THE DETERMINATION OF MAXIMUM RETAIL AND REFINERY PRICES OF OIL PRODUCTS. LIBERALIZATION OF SOME "MINOR" PETROLEUM PRODUCTS WAS ALSO APPROVED.
- 2. CIPE DECISION WILL NOW HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL PRICE COMMISSION FOR ITS MANDATORY OPINION AND, THEREAFTER, TO THE INTERMINISTERIAL PRICE COMMITTEE (CIP) FOR PROMULGATION OF NEW PRICE PROVISIONS.
- 3. NEW METHODOLOGY PROVIDES FOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS, MORE FREQUENT VERIFICATION OF COST TRENDS THAN IN THE PAST: CRUDE AND FREIGHTS COST CHANGES WILL BE VERIFIED EVERY MONTH, INSTEAD OF EVERY FOUR MONTHS; LIRA-DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE EVERY WEEK INSTEAD OF ON MONTHLY BASIS.
- 4. LIBERALIZATION OF "MINOR" PETROLEUM PRODUCTS WILL CONSIST OF SHIFTING FROM CIP "CONTROLLED" TO "SURVEILLANCE" UNCLASSIFIED

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PRICE SYSTEM. LIBERALIZATION PRODUCTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A) JET FUEL, KEROSENE TYPE;
- B) AVIATION GASOLINE;
- C) VIRGIN NAPHTHA;
- D) LUBRICANT BASE OILS;
- E) SOLVENTS;

F) BITUMEN.

FUEL OIL PRICES WILL REMAIN UNDER CIP CONTROL FOR THE TIME BEING DESPITE COMSPANIES REQUEST FOR ITS LIBERALIZATION.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CENTRAL PRICE COMMISSION WILL GIVE ITS OPINION BY MIDDLE OR END OF SEPTEMBER AND CIP WILL MAKE NEW SYSTEM IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.

6. TEXT OF THE NEW METHOD WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS IT IS PUBLISHED IN ITS FINAL FORM.HOLMES

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